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substantially rectangular deck, said rails proximate to each of said first two opposing sides of said substantially rectangular deck, said rails extending a portion of the width of the deck;

a downwardly projecting central support connected to said deck, and located intermediate of <u>both</u> said <u>first</u> two [downwardly projecting rails] <u>opposing</u> sides and said second two opposing sides; and

a clearance space below the rectangular deck between the second two opposing sides, said clearance space unobstructed between the rails except for the central support.

23. (Twice Amended)

A first shipping tray comprising:

a deck having a length and a first pair of opposing lateral sides at ends of said length and a second pair of opposing lateral sides, said first pair of opposing lateral sides being substantially parallel;

a plurality of downwardly extending load supporting legs proximate with said first pair of opposing lateral sides and extending a depth below said deck; a central support extending downwardly from about the center of said deck intermediate of both the first pair of opposing lateral sides and the second pair of opposing lateral sides to the depth of the legs;

said deck above at least a portion of said plurality of legs and said central support;

said central support having an exterior surface, and a pocket capable of receiving at least a portion of a similarly configured second shipping tray

having a central support when said second shipping tray is nested atop the first shipping tray; and

a clearance space located between the second pair of opposing lateral sides below the deck between the legs, said clearance space being substantially obstructed only by the central support.

24. (Twice Amended) \ A first tray comprising:

a deck having a center and a perimeter;

two legs proximate to the perimeter of the deck downwardly extending from a bottom surface of said deck to a depth, said legs located on opposing sides of the center of the deck;

two leg pockets located on a top surface of said deck and compatible to receive at least a portion of legs of a similarly shaped second tray when said first and second trays are stored in a nested position;

a central support located near the center of said deck <u>intermediate the perimeter</u> of the deck, extending from a bottom surface of said deck to the depth of the legs, and having an outer perimeter portion compatible with a portion of a carrier lifting tongue;

a cylindrical pocket located on a top surface of said deck compatible to receive at least a portion of a central support of the second tray when said first and second trays are in a nested position; and

clearance space below said deck at the depth of the legs between said legs, said clearance space unobstructed except for the central support and adapted

